

HOUSE BILL 1075

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study to Evaluate Strategies to Reduce Deer-Vehicle Collisions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources, the Department
4 of Transportation, and the Department of State Police to jointly conduct a study
5 to evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions; requiring the study to
6 include certain reviews, evaluations, and examinations; requiring the
7 Departments to jointly submit a report to the General Assembly on or before a
8 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
9 a study to evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of
13 Transportation, and the Department of State Police shall jointly conduct a study to
14 evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

15 (b) The study shall include:

16 (1) a review of existing literature related to deer-vehicle collision
17 reduction strategies;

18 (2) an evaluation of any patterns in the time and location of
19 deer-vehicle collisions;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) an examination of the benefits and problems related to the use of
2 fences and wildlife crossing structures;

3 (4) an examination of the use of wildlife warning reflectors and
4 motorist warning devices;

5 (5) a review of other mitigation strategies that have been used to
6 reduce deer-vehicle collisions; and

7 (6) a review of any other issues that affect the frequency of
8 deer-vehicle collisions.

9 (c) On or before October 1, 2008, the Department of Natural Resources, the
10 Department of Transportation, and the Department of State Police shall jointly submit
11 a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
12 Government Article, on their findings and recommendations on strategies to reduce
13 deer-vehicle collisions.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the
16 end of October 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
17 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.